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**EX PARTE**

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: WC Docket No. 03-11 - Application by Qwest  
Communications International Inc. for Authority to  
Provide In-Region InterLATA Services in New  
Mexico, Oregon and South Dakota**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

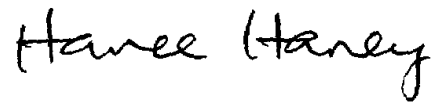
Qwest Communications International Inc. ("Qwest") submits this filing at the request of Commission staff to respond to a claim presented by Eschelon that Qwest charged incorrect rates for DS1-capable loops. Staff specifically asked us to clarify whether Eschelon received new rates for orders placed as of January 22, 2003, and whether the February 10, 2002, implementation date cited by Eschelon's refers to the date that the new charges started to appear on Qwest's bills.

The DS1-capable loops in question are billed through Qwest's CRIS system. The rates that changed were non-recurring charges associated with installation. Because these new rates were implemented in CRIS on February 10, 2003, the new rates will appear on any new orders placed after that date. For orders generated between January 22 and February 10, manual back-billing will occur to reflect these reduced rates. As described in the attachment to this filing, CLECs were notified by letter that "the lower rate will apply on and after the effective date, and will be reflected on your bill after mid-March." The calculations for the appropriate back-billing were completed on April 2, 2003. Eschelon's credit will appear on its April bill.

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The twenty-page limits does not apply to this filing. Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions concerning this submission.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hamee Haney". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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